



## Jules Waber Memorial NREA Travel Award 2021

The Montana Small Schools Alliance is seeking applications for the memorial NREA Travel Award, which was created in honor of former Powell County Superintendent of Schools, MSSA Board Member, MACSS Member, and NREA Executive Board Member, **Jules Waber**. Jules was instrumental in advancing both the MSSA and NREA and supporting teachers and administrators to get involved with both organizations. Jules was a champion of rural students, schools and education.

**Application Criteria:** *This award is made available to any teacher or administrator in member school districts. Please submit a letter of interest on your own paper in a narrative fashion. Include anything you feel makes you deserving of this "Travel Award" in addition to what we are asking of you. Return either by mail or email to: [lindam@mt-ssa.org](mailto:lindam@mt-ssa.org). The MSSA Board will score your application at the September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 quarterly meeting. The winning applicant will be notified shortly following that meeting.*

1. List all current or past memberships in MSSA programs: (Consortium, Standards, MAPS, NREA, MSU Graduate Credit).
2. Narrative of why you want to either get involved or continue involvement in the NREA and MSSA. If you have been involved over and above membership (*including attendance at previous conferences*), please be specific as to how and in what manner you have had involvement with NREA and MSSA. If you have not been involved, please describe specific areas in which you have interest in becoming involved.
3. The award will cover up to \$2,000 in registration fees and travel costs to the NREA National Convention and Research Symposium on November 11-12, 2021 in Indianapolis, IN. The recipient will have the option to attend either in person or virtually. Here is a link to more information: <https://www.nrea.net/2021-Convention-Research-Symposium>
4. Applications are due September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the Dillon office or via email to Linda Marsh.

*MSSA will register the winning applicant for this year's National Forum to Advance Rural Education hosted by the NREA and their corporate sponsors. MSSA will pay for conference registration, and substitutes, if needed.*

*Best of luck and thanks for participating. Jules would be proud.*

Sincerely,

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